

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, the 3rd November 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Automatic signal system

*250 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce the traffic lane and automatic signal systems as at Mount Road in any other part of the City; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to extend the lane system on Mount Road up to the city limits and also on roads wherever width permits.

(*b*) The matter is till under study by the traffic Department.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, is there any proposal to introduce the system on the Poonamallee High Road?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, I have said that it will be introduced wherever the width of the roads permits. So, the matter is being considered.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, what is the cost of installing one set, and is it the idea of the Government to incur this cost?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, it is a very great amenity and it is very useful. Therefore, the Government think that it should be extended.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, will the Government see that it is introduced at least on the entire Mount Road at as early a date as possible?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, we cannot say how soon this will be introduced entirely on the Mount Road All steps are being taken for that purpose.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, is it a fact that the human element is still to be there in spite of the automatic signals, and if so, what is the idea of the Government in introducing this mechanical system in addition to the human element?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, during question hour we cannot argue the relative merits of automation and otherwise. If the hon. Member wants information, I can give.

Rural water-supply schemes

* 251 Q.—SRI R. VENKATACHALAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any priority list has been drawn up for the execution of rural water-supply schemes under the Village Works Programme in Salem district;

(b) whether the schemes have been taken up according to the priority list ;

(c) if not, the reasons for the deviation; and

(d) the procedure adopted for taking up the execution ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The work will be got sanctioned with the prescribed minimum contribution wherever necessary by the Panchayat Union Council concerned. Subsequently, an estimate for the work will be got prepared and sanctioned technically and administrativeley by the competent authority. After sanction of the estimate, the work will be taken up for execution.

திரு. ஆர். வெங்கடாசலம் : துணைத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, கிருஷ்ணகிரியைக் காட்டிலும் எண்ணிக்கை வரிசையில் பின்னுள்ள காவேரிப்பட்டணத்திற்கு முன்னதாக தண்ணீர் சப்ளை கொடுத்திருக்கும்போது, கிருஷ்ணகிரிக்கு ஏன் தாமதிக்கப்பட்டது என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்ராமன் : பொதுவாக தாமதம் ஏற்படுவதற்குக் காரணம் அவர்கள் கட்டவேண்டிய மினிமம் தொகை கட்டாமல் இருப்பது. ஆனால் கிருஷ்ணகிரியைப் பற்றித் தனியாகத் தகவல் வேண்டுமென்றால், தனிக் கேள்வி அந்தக் காரணத்திற்காகப் போடவேண்டும்.

International Students Hostel

* 252 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to the Legislative Council Question No. 141 on 31st July 1962 :—

(a) whether the Government have since received particulars of the transfer of the portion of Island Ground from the Defence Ministry for the construction of the International Students Hostel ; and